IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

JOSEPH TORRES,

    Plaintiff,

v.   **No. 10-cv-0267 MV/SMV**

JOE WILLIAMS; GEORGE TAPIA;
JOE PACHECO, Unit Manager; FNU GATTI;
FNU VARGASS, Correctional Officer;
FNU BURNING, Correctional Officer;
DAVID GALLEGOS, Transport Officer;
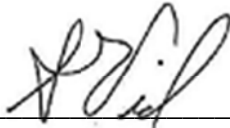**CMS MEDICAL STAFF; and FNU BELL, Sgt.,**

    Defendants.

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY CASE SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED
FOR FAILURE TO NOTIFY COURT OF ADDRESS**

THIS MATTER is before the Court sua sponte. The record reflects that a recent mailing

to Plaintiff was returned undelivered, and the record contains no new address for him. *See*

[Doc. 56] (mail to Plaintiff containing [Doc. 55] returned, bearing a notification that Plaintiff is

"no longer at this facility"). It appears that Plaintiff has changed his address without advising the

Court of his new address, as required by D.N.M.LR-Civ. 83.6, and has therefore severed contact

with the Court. Plaintiff's failure to comply with the Court's local rules demonstrates a manifest

lack of interest in litigating his claims. *See Martines v. IRS*, 744 F.2d 71, 73 (10th Cir. 1984)

(federal district courts have inherent power to impose a variety of sanctions on litigants in order

to regulate their dockets and promote judicial efficiency); *Link v. Wabash R.R. Co.*, 370 U.S.

626, 629–30 (1962) (federal district courts have authority to dismiss an action for failure to

prosecute to avoid undue delays); *Okla. Publ'g Co. v. Powell*, No. 78-1856, 1980 WL 6687,

at *2 (10th Cir. Mar. 7, 1980) (unpublished) (the federal district courts' authority to dismiss an

action sua sponte for failure to prosecute is clearly established). Plaintiff will be required to

show cause why this case should not be dismissed. Failure to respond may result in dismissal

without further notice.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that, within

21 days of entry of this Order, Plaintiff shall file a response showing cause why his Complaint

should not be dismissed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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STEPHAN M. VIDMAR
United States Magistrate Judge